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SUBJ: REPORT ON RHODESIAN "THIRD FORCE" LEADER

1. RAND DAILY MAIL OF SEPTEMBER 7 RAN ARTICLE DATELINED SALISBURY WHICH REVEALED "LONG SECRET IDENTITY OF THE TOP RHODESIAN AFRICAN WHO LEADS THE 'THIRD FORCE'." HE WAS DESCRIBED AS DR. JOSEPH VALERIO TADERERA, BIOCHEMIST WHO STUDIED AT UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO AND IN U.S., WHERE HE SPENT FIVE YEARS AND WHERE HIS SOUTH AFRICAN BORN WIFE, OLPAH, STILL RESIDES. HE SUPPOSEDLY RETURNED TO SALISBURY IN 1969 AS LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF RHODESIA AND BECAME INVOLVED WITH UNIDENTIFIED NATIONALISTS. HE WAS JAILED FOR SMUGGLING WEAPONS BUT JUMPED BAIL AND LEFT COUNTRY IN ABOUT 1972. ARTICLE SAYS HE HAS SINCE TRAVELED WIDELY IN AFRICA, U.S. AND EUROPE SEEKING SUPPORT FOR GUERRILLA FORCES, GONE THROUGH BASIC MILITARY TRAINING, AND EMERGED LAST YEAR TO TAKE COMMAND OF GUERRILLA FORCES WHEN JOSEPH TONGOGARA WAS DETAINED BY ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. ARTICLE STATES TADERERA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONAL APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT MACHEL AND ACCOMPANIED

MACHEL TO DAR ES SALAAM SUMMIT THIS WEEK.

- 2. AN INFORMED CORRESPONDENT TELLS US THAT TADERERA, AGE 41, GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, THEN RETURNED TO RHODESIA, FLEEING IN 1971 FIRST TO ZAMBIA AND LATER MOZAMBIQUE. HE REPORTEDLY SPENT MOST OF THE PERIOD 1971 TO 1975 IN THE U.S., SOME OF IT DOING RESEARCH FOR SLOANE KETTERING INSTITUTE, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO MOZAMBIQUE. TADERERA, A KARANGA, IS RUMORED TO HAVE ATTENDED THE RECENT OAU SUMMIT, AND TO HAVE BEEN "ELECTED" AS CHIEF OF "THIRD FORCE HIGH COMMAND" WITHIN RECENT MONTHS. A RHODESIAN JOURANLIST WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOWN HIM WELL DESCRIBES TADERERA AS A MODERATE AND PRO-WESTERN "SORT OF MARXIST."
- 3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF TADERERA AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT FROM ADDRESSEES. BOWDLER

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